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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT:	§ Art Unit: 1712
Vladimir Jovancicevic et al.	§
SERIAL NO.: 10/720,655	§
FILED: November 24, 2003	§
TITLE: Aluminum Carboxylate Drag Reducers for Hydrocarbon Emulsions	§ ATTY DOCKET NO: 194-30871-US

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND REQUEST TO CORRECT FILING RECEIPT
AND CONDITIONAL PETITION**

Dear Sir:

On March 31, 2004, Applicants submitted a Preliminary Amendment with a Reply to the Notice of Missing Parts. Attached is a copy of the Preliminary Amendment and return postcard showing receipt of the amendment by the Office on April 5, 2004. With the filing of the amendment, the Filing Receipt should have been corrected to show the proper benefit of provisional application number 60/477,148 filed June 9, 2003, removing the filing receipt data inconsistency. Also attached is a copy of the "updated filing receipt" mailed from the Office on April 16, 2004. Please note that the data inconsistency has not been corrected.

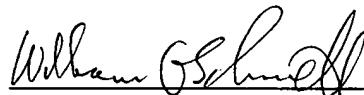
Applicants respectfully request entry of the preliminary amendment noted above. No new matter has been added by this amendment. The amendment is made to correct the typographical error in the originally filed application at line 7 of the specification, wherein one of the priority documents was inadvertently typed as "60/447,148" when in fact it should have read 60/477,148.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of this amendment and the issuance of a "corrected" filing receipt. No fees are required.

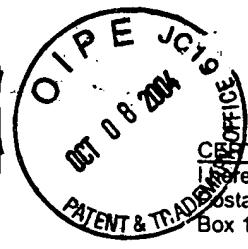
Should the above request be denied, the Applicants would respectfully petition to correct the priority claim in the subject application. This conditional petition is being submitted prior to 16 months from June 9, 2003, the filing date of the provisional application Serial No. 60/477,148, the application whose number was inadvertently incorrectly noted in paragraph [0001] on page 1, line 7 of the subject application as filed. Should the Commissioner deem any fees associated with this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge these fees to Deposit Account No. 02-0429 (194-30871-US).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 5, 2004



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request the following amendment to the application be entered.
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.